

The price of "security" is paid for in the currency of our hard-won constitutional rights. Such a price can only be rightly negotiated with the free will and consent of the governed. To arbitrarily suspend the rights of free people by official or anonymous fiat is to invite unrest. In the name of "security", the current administration has demonstrated a profound willingness to quickly and without prior notice suspend the freedoms Americans have always considered bed rock to our experience. This is sad and most unwise. The framers of docket no. FAA-2003-14293 should be made to come forward, identify themselves to the electorate, and explain how the details of this act came to be. How many agencies of the U.S. Government participated in this rule and why? Real people with real names and real lives and jobs created this rule. Who are they? Is it not apparent that the harder we strive for "security", the less secure we ultimately feel? The affect of rules like FAA-2003-14293 demonstrate to America's enemies that they can indeed "win". By slowly eroding the ideals of liberty and the pursuit of happiness by containing ever more chunks of human experience into ever growing regulatory boxes of containment, we make it easier for the enemies of freedom both in and out of this country to wage war and the unfortunate paradox of all this is the harder we try to regulate ourselves to enhance "security", the more restrictive a society we become. I strongly urge the immediate revocation of FAA-2003-14293 as a step in the right direction, and not let a state of perpetual fear crystallize into a numbing way of life. Our government should work as diligently to broaden our individual freedoms, not take them away because expending efforts in a negative direction to enhance our collective "security" will only discourage people from realizing their full potential. Is this current climate of ill-considered policy making a price worth paying? I for one (freely at the moment) assert absolutely not.